

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A. Stoyanov et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYE121925/25324
Application No.: 10/815,143 Art Unit: 1731 / Confirmation No.: 8224
Filed: March 31, 2004 Examiner: D.R. Cordray
Title: BLEACHED POLYACRYLIC ACID CROSSLINKED CELLULOSIC FIBERS

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

March 7, 2007

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Appeal

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Examiner's decision dated September 7, 2006, finally rejecting Claims 5-9.

The required fee of \$500 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-1740.

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants believe that an extension of time and the corresponding fee are unnecessary because the Patent Office failed to issue either an Advisory Action or Notice of Allowance in response to applicants' response to the Examiner's final rejection. The final rejection was mailed September 7, 2006, and applicants' response to the final rejection was mailed on October 6, 2006, less than one month after issuance of the final rejection. Despite telephone conferences with Examiner Cordray and his supervisor, Examiner Griffin, regarding the delay in the Patent Office's issuance of an Advisory Action or Notice of Allowance, neither was issued before the expiration of the statutory period for response on March 7, 2007.

C. Total Fees to Deposit Account

The required fee for the Notice of Appeal in the amount of \$500 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-1740.

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D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of this notice or any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

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